Inadequate supply of gas to two gas turbines at Ramgarh Gas Thermal Power Station

*129. DR. NARAYAN SINGH MANAKLAO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the quantity of gas required to operate two gas turbines at Ramgarh Gas Thermal Power Station (RGTPS), District Jaisalmer is inadequate;

(b) if so, the details of demand and supply in gas;

(c) how the shortfall is being met or proposed to be met; and

(d) by when the requisite quantity of gas will be supplied to run both gas turbines at full load?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATRUAL GAS (SHRI MURLI DEORA): (a) and (b) Ramgarh Gas Thermal Power Station (RGTPS) has gas allocation of 0.75 million standard cubic metre per day (MMSCMD) and at present GAIL (India) Limited (GAIL) is supplying this quantity to them. RGTPS is said to have a gas demand of about 1.12 MMSCMD.

(c) and (d) The exploration activities are going on in the area by Oil India Limited (OIL), Oil & Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) and others, and in case any new gas is found, the same could be additional source for supply for RGTPS on mutually agreed terms and conditions between them and the gas suppliers. RGTPS may like to also explore other alternatives of fuel supplies.

Demand of States for transfer of dams

*130. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether some State Governments have demanded transfer of dams situated in their territorial areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is the reaction of the Central Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ): (a) No, Sir. No demand from State Governments have been received for transfer of dams situated in the territorial areas.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Outsourcing of works in Income Tax Department

*131. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry had resorted to outsourcing of works in the Income Tax Department;

(b) whether the Ministry has consulted the recognised Income Tax Employees Federation before resorting to outsourcing; and

(c) whether the Ministry has provided adequate computer infrastructure to the Income Tax Department?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir. Some work of the Income-Tax Department has been outsourced, the details of which are given below:

(i) Activities relating to receipt and data entry of Permanent Account Number (PAN) applications and printing of PAN cards have been outsourced with effect from 1.7.2003 to Unit Trust of India Technology Services Ltd. Similar activities for PAN cards and Tax deduction/collection Account Numbers (TAN) have been outsources to National Securities Depositories Limited (NSDL) with effect from January, 2004;

(ii) Activities relating to use of Tax Information Network (TIN) have been outsourced to NSDL for receipt of electronic data from outside agencies *viz.* banks, deductors and filers of Annual Information Returns (AIR). In this regard, a comprehensive Memorandum of Understanding was entered into with NSDL in February, 2004;

(iii) Data entry of returns of income, wherever it was not possible to complete that work within four months of filing of the returns by the personnel of the Department, has been outsourced with effect from November, 2002;